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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) In a grip for the handle of an impact imparting device, a flexible strip comprising:

a polyurethane layer having its lower surface bonded to the upper surface of a felt layer;

a recessed reinforcement surface formed on a first side edge of the polyurethane layer;

the felt layer of the first side edge being slanted upwardly and outwardly from the underside of the felt layer;

a compressed densified area formed on the second side edge of the polyurethane layer;

the second side of the strip slanting upwardly and outwardly from the underside of the felt layer; and

the second side edge of the strip adapted to overlap the first side edge of the strip to form a smooth watertight juncture between such first and second side edges of the strip.

2-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A golf club grip as set forth in Claim 10 wherein the overlying edges form a seam and the seam does not exceed 0.5mm in width.

12. (Previously Presented) A golf club grip as set forth in Claim 10 wherein the underlisting sleeve includes a cap and a nipple adapted to retain the strip.

13. (Previously Presented) A golf club grip as set forth in Claim 11 wherein the underlisting sleeve includes a cap and a nipple adapted to retain the strip.

14. (Previously Presented) A method of making a grip for the handle of an impact imparting device that includes the steps of:

providing a strip having a layer of polyurethane bonded to a layer of felt;

heat compressing a first side edge of the polyurethane layer to form a recessed reinforcement surface;

applying heat through the outside surface of the felt layer to the polyurethane layer at the second side edge of the strip to form a compressed densified area in such polyurethane layer;

skiving the first side edge of the strip upwardly and outward from the underside of the felt layer; and

skiving the felt layer of the second side edge of the strip upwardly and outwardly from the underside of the strip.

15. (Previously Presented) A method of making a golf club handle grip that includes the steps of:

providing a strip having a layer of polyurethane bonded to a layer of felt;

heat compressing a first side edge of the polyurethane layer to form a recessed reinforcement surface;

applying heat through the outside surface of the felt layer to the polyurethane layer at the second side edge of the strip to form a compressed densified area in such polyurethane layer;

skiving the first side edge of the strip upwardly and outward from the underside of the felt layer;

skiving the felt layer of the second side edge of the strip upwardly and outwardly from the underside of the strip; and

providing an underlisting sleeve.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 15 wherein the underlisting is further provided with a cap and a nipple adapted to retain the strip.